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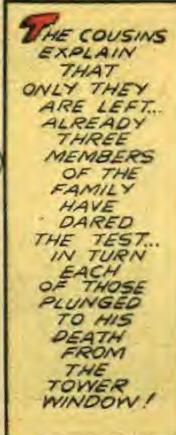




























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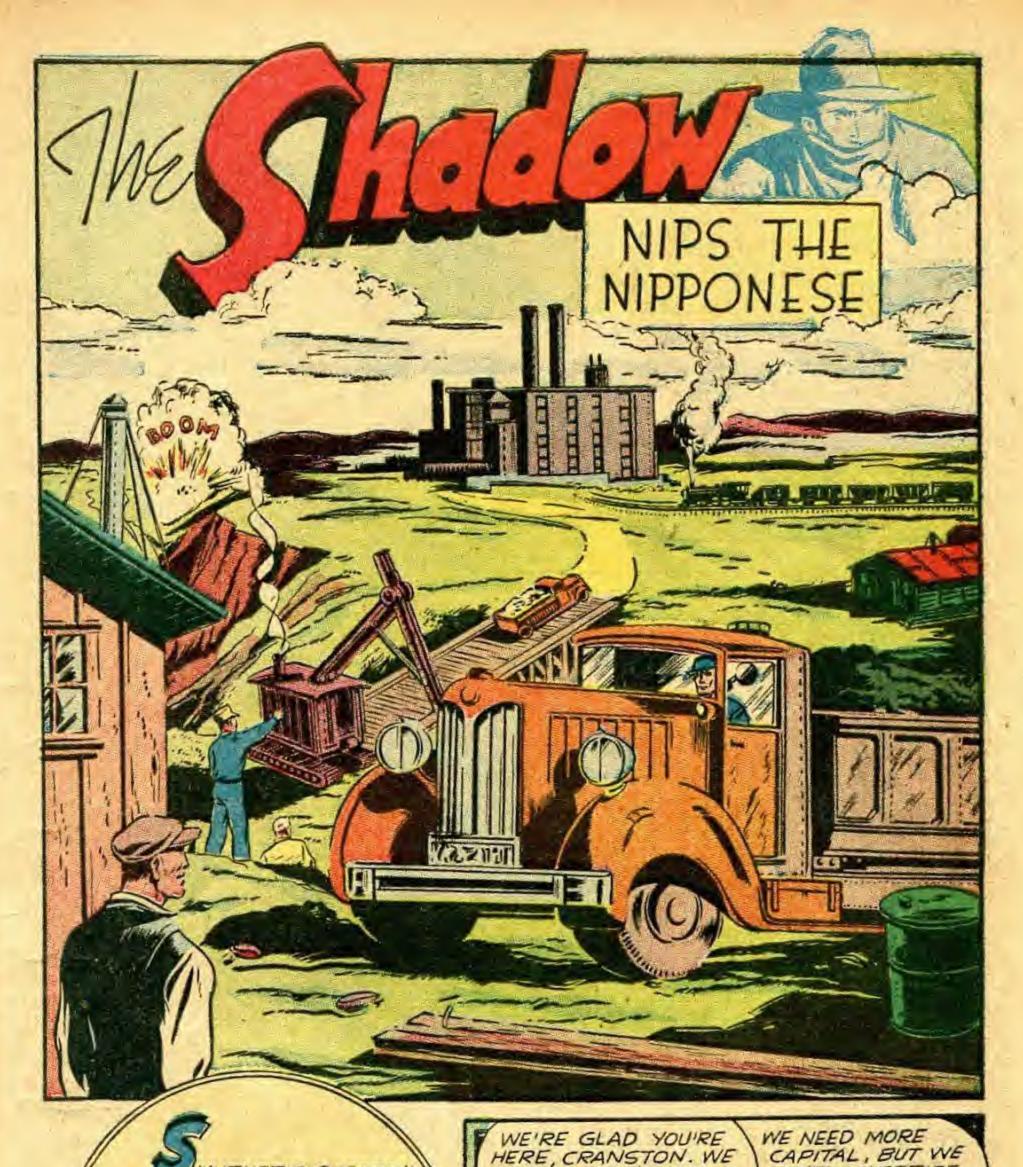








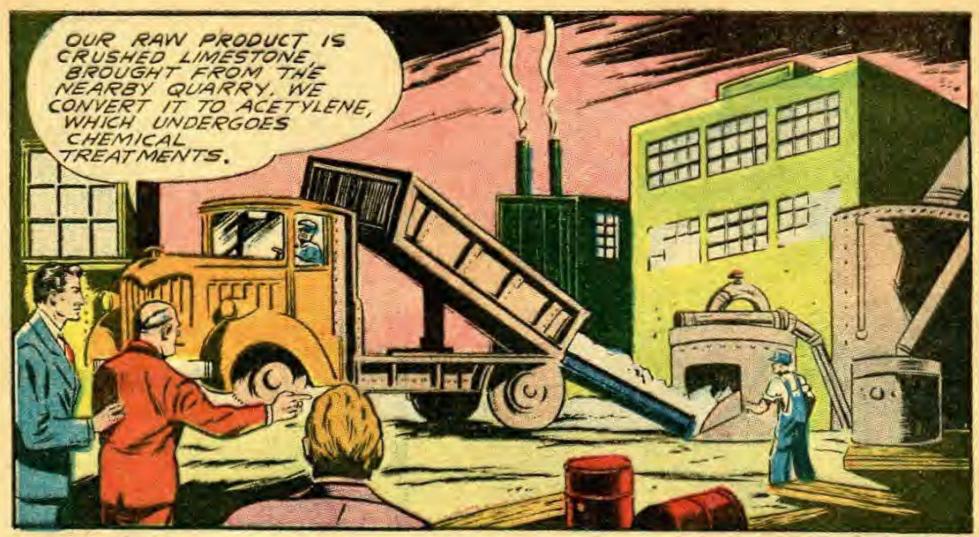




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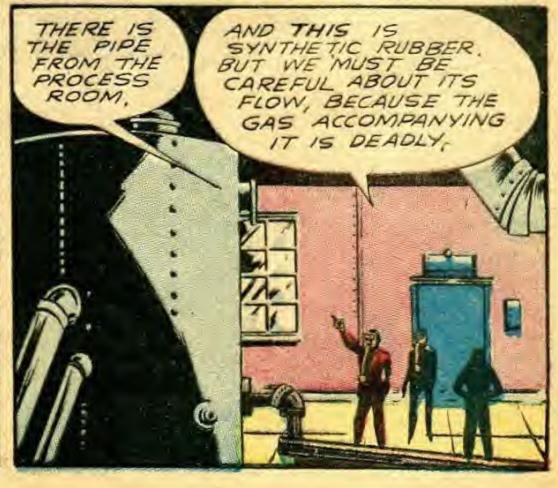
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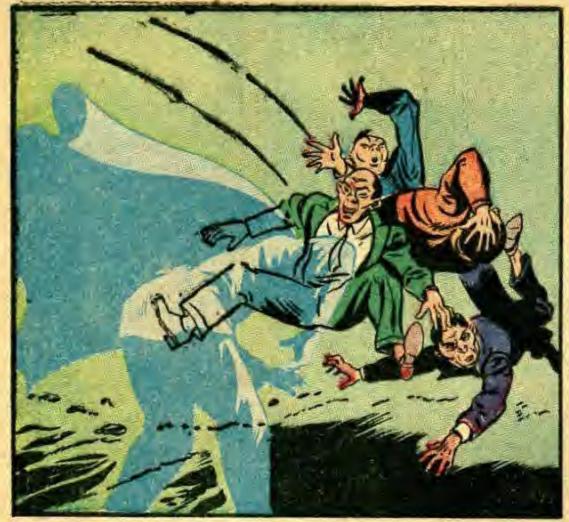


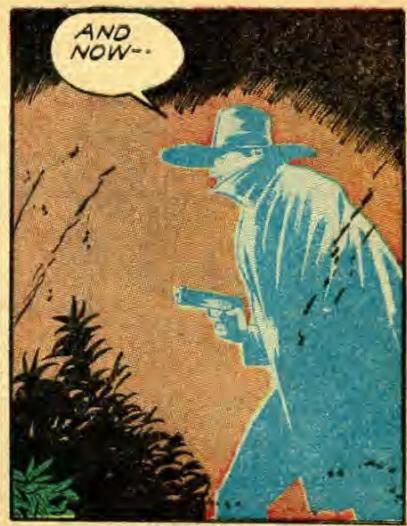








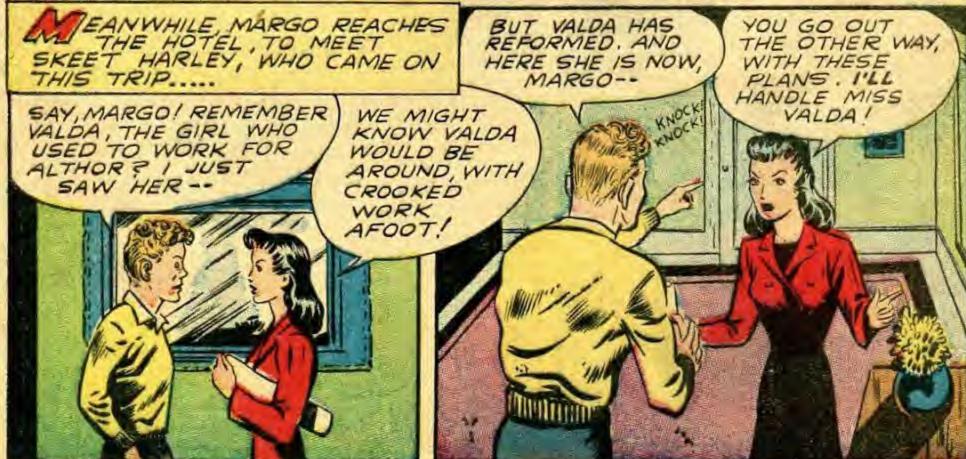










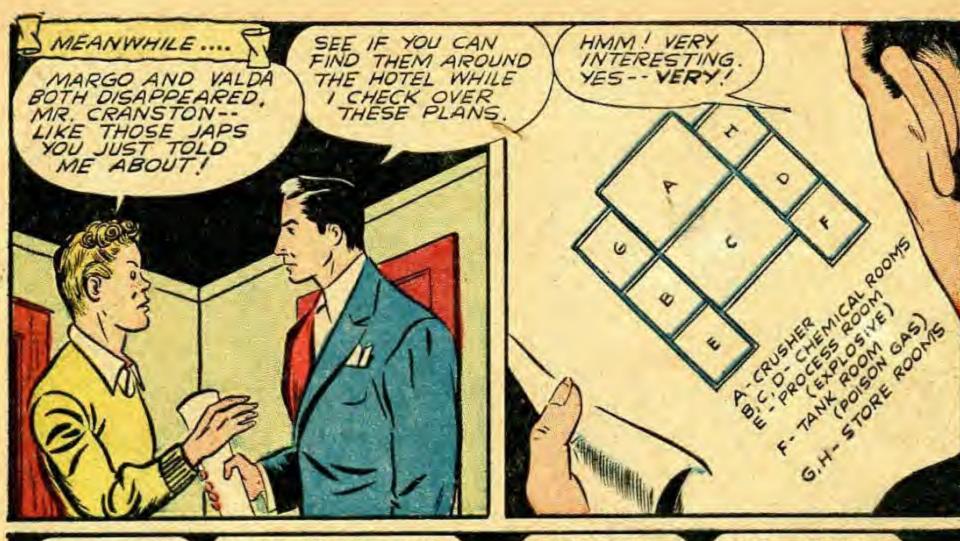








































































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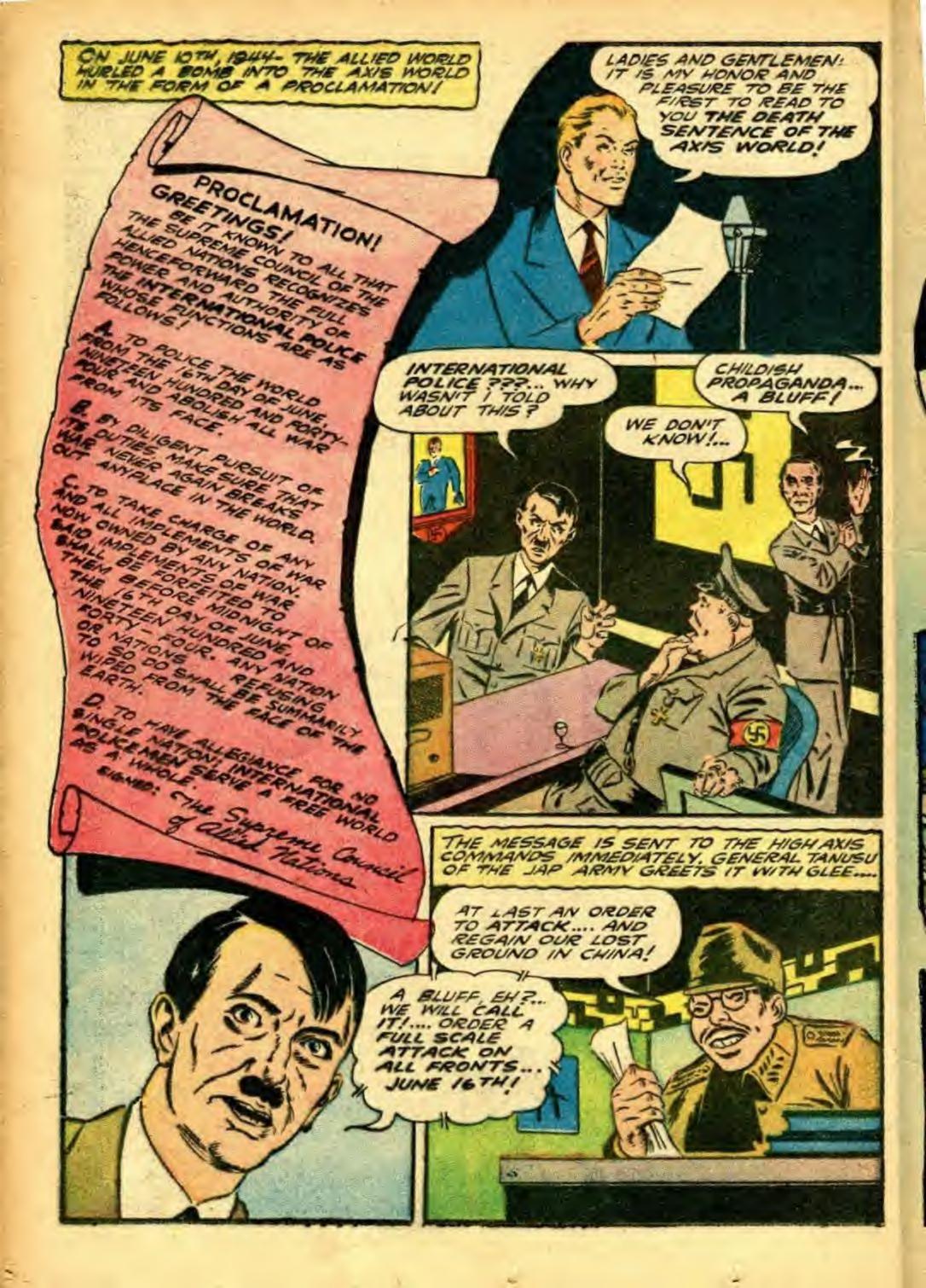














































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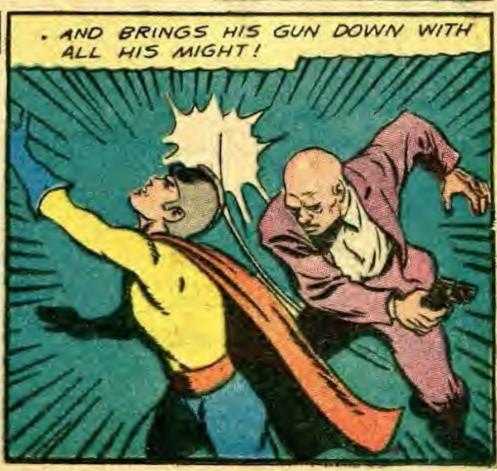
















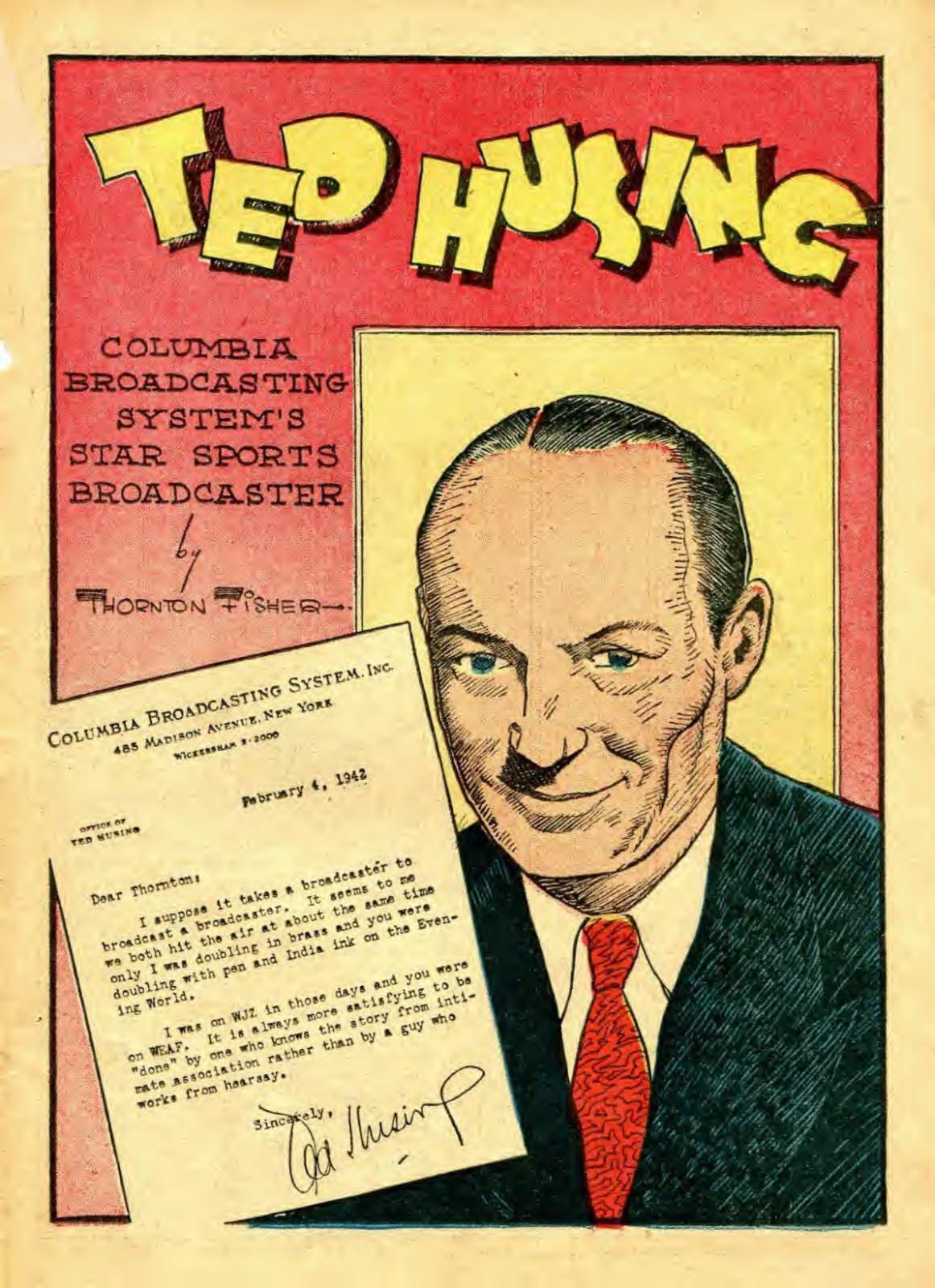


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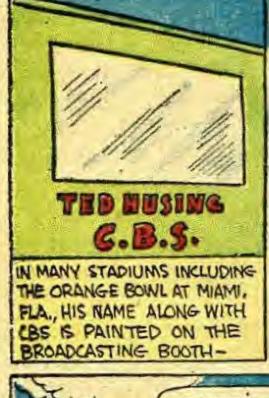




















## ROOKIE COURAGE

by ED GRUSKIN

He distance. He sat up, flicked the hay out of his hair, wide awake—bubbling with excitement.

"Come on, Turk! Get up!" he cried, shaking the tousled figure. "In a little while we're gonna be part o' the U. S. Army!"

"Boy-oh-boy!" shouted Flip, leaping into the air like a wild Indian. "I feel like I could whip the Nazi and Jap armies together with one hand tied behind my back!"

"I feel like I could lick a mess o' ham an' eggs," retorted Turk practically. "If we're gonna be in the Army we better feed our stomachs, 'cause that's what my dad says armies fight on!"

"Oh, we'll find a farm up the way an' buy some breakfast. I've still got forty cents."

After hiking for twenty minutes and passing only a couple of deserted farmhouses, a vague feeling of uneasiness settled over both boys. Glancing about, it suddenly occurred to them, they hadn't passed one living thing the whole time. Not even a chicken!

"Do you think, maybe, a tornado passed here, Flip?"

Flip didn't answer for at that moment his eyes were riveted on something half buried in the road ahead. Turk spotted it, too, stopped stark still, his eyes bulging.

It was an unexploded shell.

"How . . . how d-do y-you s-suppose that g-got there, Turk?"

There was no need for Turk to answer, nor even use his imagination. A distant boom followed seconds later by a shrill, loud wheeeeeee sound was answer enough. A shell hurtled overhead! The boys automatically threw themselves to the ground and clutched each other.

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Five hundred yards beyond, it hit the ground, exploded and sent up a geyser of earth.

Flip let out one yelp, leaped to his feet, and streaked down the road. Turk was but inches behind him eating his dust. Intuitively, they circled the unexploded shell protruding so menacingly in the center of the road.

"F-Flip . . . do-do y-you know wh-where w-we are?" chattered Turk, his teeth rattling together.

"I-I th-think s-so-"

Turk gulped and whispered hoarsly: "It's th-the-target range!"

Flip's whitewash color took a sudden turn toward green at this confirmation of his worst fear.

"Th-that's what I th-thought! Wh-what are we . . . g-gonna do?"

"I'm gonna run!" answered Turk, getting to his feet and shooting away with all the speed his legs could muster. This time Flip followed in his dust.

They hadn't run far when another sickening explosion sent them tumbling into the muddy ditch at the side of the road. Shivering, they peered over the edge to look back at the fresh hole. Their stomachs did nip-ups and they sank back, swallowing hard. Mud and dirt showered down on them. That shell had burst almost on the exact spot where they had been lying!

"Just think," muttered Flip, "if we had stayed there-"

Turk shuddered and got to his feet. Suddenly, he got an idea. "Maybe if we tied a handkerchief to a stick and waved it, they'd see it!"

Flip's expression became almost hopeful. "I got a better idea-we'll use my shirt!"

"We better keep running while we get it rigged or one o' those shells'll find us!" warned Turk.

Sergeant Milligan, target scorer on Range Two, almost dropped his field glasses when he spotted the moving white flag on the range and a second later saw a shell burst not one hundred and fifty yards behind it. The flag dipped, disappeared for a second and then soared back into view, whizzing down the ditch as though carried by a phantom.

"Cease fire!" he roared into the field phone. "Somethin's movin' on the range!"

Milligan dipped a hand into his pocket and pulled out a big red bandanna handkerchief to mop sudden sweat from his forehead.

"Milligan!" boomed a voice back at him

through the phone.

"Yis, sor!" answered Milligan sharply. It was the voice of Colonel Welks, his superior in command.

"What's this rot about something moving on the range?"

"It's a fact, sor. I kin see it with me own eyes right now whilst I'm talkin' with yese!"

"Well, get 'em out of there and bring 'em to me! Of all the dumb—" Milligan pulled the plug connecting him with Colonel Welks and plugged in to Emergency. The line was busy. He suddenly remembered that a tank unit was just on the other side of the hill. He plugged in their field phone, told them of the trouble.

Two tanks immediately roared up the hill toward the valley where Flip and Turk were loose.

"Flip! The guns have stopped!"

"They musta seen us!"

The boys grabbed each other and began dancing and tumbling around in the ditch, half laughing, half crying. A voice boomed down at them from a loudspeaker set up in the hills.

"Hey you, down there! Come out of that ditch and get up on the road where we can see you!"

Flip and Turk scrambled out and began waving their arms.

"Stay where you are. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!"

"Arrest?" echoed Flip. He dropped his arms and looked at Turk.

"That's what I thought he said, too," gulped the younger boy.

"G-gosh . . . this is worse than bein' shelled!"

They stood helplessly in the middle of the road, feeling as though a thousand unseen eyes were gazing down at them. They tried to see something up in the hills, across the wide fields, but there wasn't a being in sight. Uncomfortably, they started to move down the road.

"STAND WHERE YOU ARE!" thundered the loudspeaker voice. "One more move and we'll drop a shell at your feet!"

They froze in their steps.

"N-now wh-what?" stuttered Turk.

"I wish I was home . . . I wish I'd never got this crazy idea!" muttered Flip. "If this is the way they treat a couple o' volunteer soldiers I don't wanna join their ole army!"

"Maybe they think we're a couple o' spies!

Flip's eyes opened wide, an almost pleased expression crossed his face. "Wow! I never thought o' that! Just think—takin' us for spies!"

"I don't see what you're so happy about," grunted Turk. "The Army shoots spies in time of war . . . and we're at war!"

Flip's answer was a choked: "Gulp!" The romance of being taken for a spy had suddenly gone sour.

The horrible seriousness of their plight hit them with full force when the roar of the two tanks cut the deathly stillness. Their eyes picked up the tanks, sliding and speeding down the hill under full power. They hit the road with a bounce, their caterpillar treads dug in and sent them roaring down on the boys like hungry, furious dragons.

A goggled, helmeted figure popped out of the turret of the first tank, as it slid to a stop. Another similarly clad figure popped from the second.

"W-we sur-surrender," said Flip in a small voice as he raised his hands. Turk followed his buddy's example.

The man in the first tank passed his hand across his mouth to hide a merry twitch. "Toss your guns up here one at a time," he ordered. "An' keep reachin'!"

"Guns?" Flip shook his head. "We don't have any!"

"No guns?" The soldier shook his head sadly and winked at the man in the other tank. "That's bad," he continued. "I thought you were dangerous spies trying to sabotage our target range."

"Oh, no, sir," shouted Turk, shaking his head violently. "We're just a couple o' kids . . . I mean MEN on our way to enlist in the Army!"

Flip nodded in confirmation. "That's right! We got lost in the rainstorm last night and got off the main road. We just stumbled on the target range accidentally!"

"We're not dangerous-honest!" assured Turk.

"That remains to be seen," said the soldier ominously, and jerked his thumb. "Hop inone in each tank."

The thrilling ride out of the valley—the valley which had almost been their "Valley of Death"—made up for all the discomfort and scares they had experienced in the past half-hour.

They were even too excited to mind the stern, leather-faced Colonel's anger when they were brought before him at headquarters.

"You know you're lucky to be alive!" growled the Colonel, pounding a big fist on his desk.

"Yes, sir," Flip grinned. "We sure are!"

"And you know what I ought to do with you?" asked the Colonel in a steel-edged voice. "I ought to put you in chains, on bread and water!"

"Y-yes, s-sir . . . I mean . . . oh, no, sir!" exclaimed Flip.

A ghost of a smile crossed the rugged Colonel's face but was quickly lost in the weather-beaten lines.

"So you want to be soldiers? How old are you?"

Flip cleared his throat and answered in a deep growl, "Eighteen, sir."

The Colonel's eyes snapped wide and peered accusingly into Flip's. Turk yanked Flip's leg desperately.

"I-I mean we're . . . seventeen!"

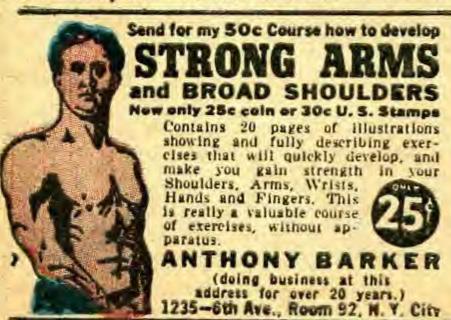
The Colonel's eyes didn't move. They kept boring into Flip's.

"Well, to tell you the truth, sir . . . we're . . . well-"

"Yes?"

"I'm fourteen and he's thirteen, sir." Tears came into Flip's eyes as he returned the Colonel's gaze steadily. "But we can fight, sir! . . . We wanta fight for our country. We're strong, sir. . . . Give us a chance!"

The Colonel's gruff face softened. He slowly got up, walked around his desk and placed his arms around their shoulders. Then he began to talk softly about the war and their place in it—the place of every American boy and girl. And as he talked, Flip and Turk began to see and understand things they hadn't before. They learned that the war in the skies,



on the seas, in the trenches was only half the battle.

"Right in your own home town this war is being fought," continued the Colonel, "in the factories, on the farms, in the mines, in the homes and in the schools. And your fight for the next few years is there, in the schools—to study hard and get the best education possible!"

The boys' faces dropped. What did school have to do with fighting a war, anyway?—
their expressions seemed to say. Noting this, the Colonel went on to explain:

"When this war is over, you will be men. You and every American boy and girl will be the new leaders of a new world. Only if you have the knowledge will you be able to take up the battle we have won to build and lead free nations all over the Earth!"

"G-gosh!" breathed Turk. "We gotta big job on our hands when those Nazis and Japs are licked!"

"Why, it's just as important as fighting and winning the war!" put in Flip.

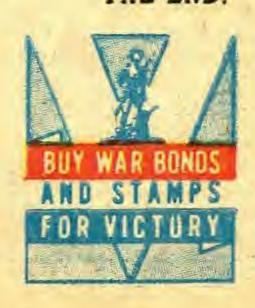
The Colonel nodded and led them outside toward a waiting Army truck. "This truck is going by Gainesville, your home. Want a lift?"

"I'll say we do!" chorused the boys, hopping in beside the driver.

As the truck pulled away, Flip leaned out the window and called back to the Colonel: "Thanks for everything, sir! And when the war's over—don't worry—we'll be ready to start buildin' those free nations!"

The Colonel smiled and waved. He watched the truck until it disappeared around a bend. "I hope every American boy and girl is getting ready, Flip," he muttered to himself. "They're going to need education and knowledge more than any generation this World has ever known!"

THE END.





































































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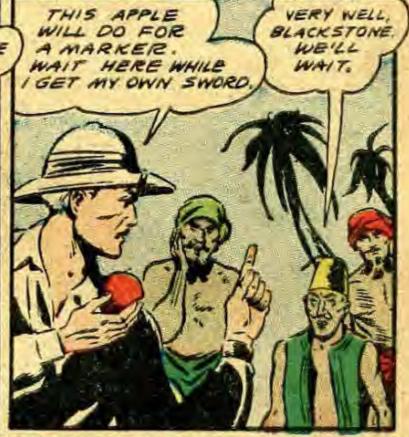


















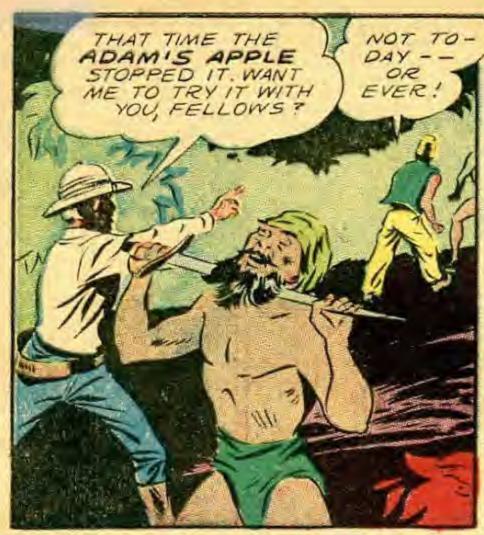


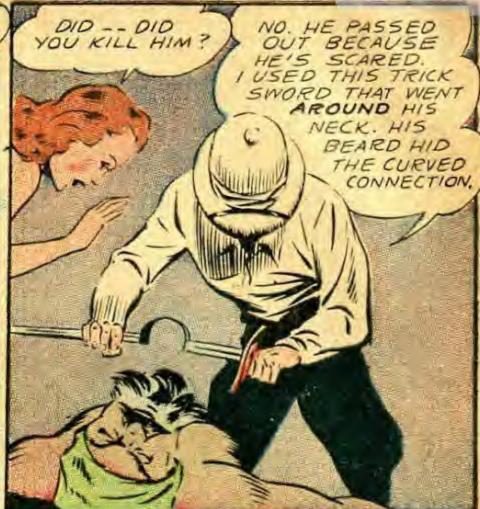




















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